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FOR PHS/CDC ATLANTA GEORGIA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SWEL, AMED, IN

SUBJ: ENCEPHALITIS IN WEST BENGAL

1. WEST BENGAL HEALTH MINISTER PANJA, HAS ASKED FOR URGENT HELP IN SECURING INFORMATION ABOUT ENCEPHALITIS WHICH IS AFFECTING THREE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICTS (BURDWAN, BANKURA AND BIRBHUM) OF WEST BENGAL. SINCE MID-JUNE 400 CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED AMONG WHICH 200 DEATHS HAVE OCCURRED. YESTERDAY FIRST CASE IN CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN AREA DIAGNOSED. STATE GOVT. KEENLY INTERESTED TO FIND WHETHER THERE IS ANY VACCINE IN EXISTENCE. THEY HAVE HEARD THAT THE JAPANESE DEVELOPED SUCH VACCINE AFTER WORLD WAR II BUT ALSO THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN TESTED IN ANY TROPICAL COUNTRY. DOCTORS CURRENTLY PRESCRIBING 'GENERALIZED ANTIBIOTICS' AND 'HOPING FOR BEST'.

2. ACCORDING TO INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL MEDICINE, CALCUTTA, "ENCEPHALITIS CAUSED BY JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS HAS BEEN REPORTED....THIS IS CAUSED BY THE BITE OF A VARIETY OF CULEX MOSQUITO."

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3. SYMPTOMS AS FOLLOWS: FIRST DAY HEADACHE WITH FEVER; SECOND DAY--FEVER REACHES 104-105 DEGREES; THIRD DAY--RIGIDITY OF NECK; FOURTH DAY--UNCONSCIOUSNESS AND MUTTERING DELIRIUM; FIFTH DAY--DEATH.

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF PHS: 1. INFORMATION ABOUT VACCINE: WHETHER IT EXISTS, WHETHER IT HAS BEEN USED IN TROPICAL COUNTRIES, HOW IT IS PROCURED; 2. ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF ENCEPHALITIS: TREATMENT, PREVENTION.

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